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Public Law 85-507, Sec. 9 (c)

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necessary to implement the regulations of the Commission issued under section 6 (a) (8) in order to protect the Government with respect to payment

Civil Service Commission Training Regulations - 24 March 1959

Sub-part D - Expenses of Training - Sec. 39.401 - Determination of necessary expenses of training. The head of each department shall determine which expenses constitute necessary training expenses under section 10 of the Act.

Public Law 85-507, Sec. 10 - Expenses of Training Through Government Facilities and Non-government Facilities

The head of each department in accordance with regulations issued by the Commission under authority of section 6 (a) (8) is authorized, from funds appropriated or otherwise available to such department, (1) to pay all or any part of the salary, pay, or compensation (excluding overtime, holiday, and night differential pay) of each employee of such department who is selected and assigned for training by, in, or through Government facilities or non-Government facilities under authority of this Act, for each period of such training of such employee, and (2) to pay, or reimburse such employee for all or any part of the necessary expenses of such training, without regard to section 3648 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 529), including among such expenses the necessary costs of (A) travel and per diem in lieu of subsistence in accordance with the Travel Expense Act of 1949, as amended.

and the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, ... (B) transportation of immediate family, household goods and personal effects, packing, crating, temporary storage, drayage, and unpacking ... (C) tuition and matriculation fees, (D) library and laboratory services, (E) purchase or rental of books, materials, and supplies, and (F) other services or facilities directly related to the training of such employee. Such expenses of training shall not be deemed to include membership fees except to the extent that such fees are a necessary cost directly related to the training itself or that payment thereof is a condition precedent to undergoing such training.

Standardized Government Travel Regulations - 6.8 - No allowance at permanent duty station

Per diem in lieu of subsistence will not be allowed an employee either at his permanent duty station or at his place of abode from which he commutes daily to his official station.

Standardized Government Travel Regulations - 6.1 - Per Diem Allowance

The per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses includes all charges for meals, ...

Comptroller General Unpublished Decision -- B-140912, November 24, 1959 Compensation--Additional--Expenses as being included

Staff member of Subversive Activities Control Board who claims reimbursement for luncheon expense incurred at interdepartmental conference held in Wash., D.C., his headquarters, is not entitled to reimbursement on basis that Govt. Employees' Training Act making appropriations "available for expenses

of attendance at meetings" (5 U.S.C. 2318(b)) constituted authority for payment, since sec. 1765, R.S., provides that no officer whose salary, pay, or emoluments are fixed by law or regulations "shall receive any additional pay, extra allowance, or compensation, in any form whatever * * * unless same is authorized by law," and provision is not viewed as authorizing agencies to incur expense otherwise precluded by R.S., sec. 1765.

38 C.G. 134 -- B-136427

<u>Civilian Personnel - Meetings - Attendance at Headquarters - Travel Expense</u> Appropriations

A fee for the attendance of a Government officer at an annual luncheon meeting of an association at the officer's headquarters may be paid from the travel expense appropriation made specifically available for expenses of attendance at meetings determined to be concerned with the function or activity for which the appropriation is made, notwithstanding that the officer was not in a travel status....

As a general rule, the expense of subsistence at headquarters is personal to the employee and meals ordinarily may not be furnished him at Government expense within the limits of his headquarters. However, we have held that the payment of a registration fee incident to attendance at a conference held at an employee's headquarters was proper, even though meals were furnished to persons attending such conference at no additional charge. See decision of August 25, 1947, B-66978....

The Associate Director says that payment of the \$5 was required in order to attend the annual meeting and you point out that it is difficult, if not impossible, to determine the value of the meal itself.

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In view of such facts and of our holding in the decision of August 25, 1947, we are of the view that the entire \$5 charge is for allowance.

The voucher returned herewith may be certified for payment, if otherwise proper.